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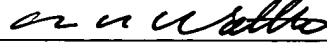
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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

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International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237		
Applicant MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.		

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In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

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- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
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- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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International application No.

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Box No. 1      Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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**Box No. V** Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-24	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-24	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-24	YES
	Claims		NO

**2. Citations and explanations:**

Document 1: JP 9-282115 A (Canon Inc.), 31 October 1997, paragraphs 0039-0040 (Family: none)

Document 2: JP 2000-118085 A (Canon Inc.), 25 April 2000, Full text, all drawings (Family: none)

Document 3: JP 2004-13350 A (Canon Inc.), 15 January 2004, Full text, all drawings & US 2003/0222985 A1

The inventions of claims 1-24 appear to involve an inventive step over document 1 cited in the ISR. Documents 1-3 describe the point of changing content of print processing based on a determination results of whether or not image data included in print content can be used for printing and judgement results of whether or not photo printing is intended, and the point of cancelling printing when it is determined that image data included in printing content cannot be used for printing and it is judged that photo printing is intended. By means of such constitution, the invention of the present application demonstrates the advantageous effect of preventing the waste expensive photo paper.